

# Plainfield Correctional Facility Receives 2006 Treat People Better Award

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(L to R) Sandi Nelson, Superintendent Wendy Knight and Assistant Superintendent, Phil Slavens.

Indianapolis, Indiana - (November 30, 2006) - The Plainfield Correctional Facility was honored Wednesday evening as the 2006 recipient of the "Treat People Better Award" from Hendricks Regional Health at the awards dinner held at the Indianapolis Colts complex. The facility was nominated in the "Best Business" category for their efforts in the Toys for Hendricks County Kids program as well as various other programs that benefit the community.

The staff of the Plainfield Correctional Facility has a motto: "No children in Hendricks County should go without Christmas." For the past nine years, this group has helped 3,000 local kids have a happy holiday through their annual toy drive. However, the group doesn't stop there in their efforts to help the community. The facility also grows fresh produce to donate to local food pantries - \$20,000 worth this year alone. Working in conjunction with the Hendricks County Sheriff's Department to keep Hendricks County a beautiful place to live, Plainfield Correctional Facility offenders remove litter from our highways and work with community schools to recycle cardboard items and is always looking for more ways to help the community. As one of the largest employers in Hendricks County, the staff strives to make their community a great place to live.

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Facility Superintendent Wendy Knight was thrilled with the award stating, "How great for our employees. I am very appreciative of their accomplishments. It is gratifying that the contributions made willingly enthusiastically were recognized."

For details on all 2006 finalists, please visit <http://www.treatpeoplebetter.com>.

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